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# APT* (Alternative Family Tree)
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**OUR FAMILY TREE**

**I am RALPH KLEY**, and have always loved travel, food and the hotel life and studied hospitality for four years leaving in 1964.

I guess I developed the work ethic from my late parents and am forever grateful for their love, their example in tolerance and forgiveness and all their unique values which I hope to have passed on to my children and via them to my grandchildren and great granddaughter.

Over the years I have always loved photography and after my 'old fashioned' albums were superseded by digital photography (I have got over 70 of these original albums) I started producing my ***Photo History Volumes*** (currently on my 209th) all downloaded to www.internetarchive.org (so I am able to continue boring everyone even when I have departed this world) These are so varied…rusty cars, ugly scenes, current family, old shots of London, holiday, political, landscapes, shapes and shadows… (in fact anything that caught my attention) - not just personal.

This is the reason behind my producing this AFT * (*Alternative Family Tree) to share the love and happiness with all our great extended family.

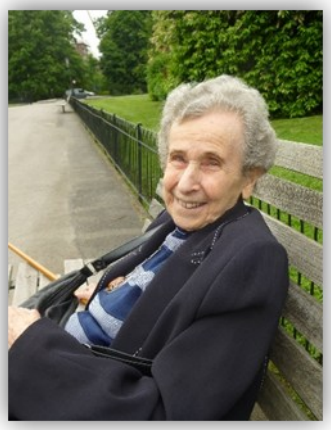
Your contributions follow this introduction and together they show the great bond that love can bring across countries and I thank you all so much for helping me produce the unique document.

Once it's completed and all of you are happy with it, I will add this to my downloads and send you a link so you can view it too

Ralph .. July 2026

**My late mother, Ilse Kley (formerly Ilse Bruckstein)**, left Danzig, a free city, (now Gdansk) in Poland at the age of 17 alone, to make a life here in the UK

**Ilse Kley (Bruckstein )** in Danzig (Gdansk) aged about 16



**Ilse Kley at 92**

She went 'into service' (as a maid) when she came to England, and later worked bottling milk. Later she supervised her own day nurseries, did bar work, food demonstrating and worked in retail stores.

She was always totally supportive of dad and gave me a wonderful example of how determination can bring its own rewards.

She loved Lynn and our family and left her own personal touch to all our family

She accompanied Dad when he returned to Germany over many years and spoke calmly and with great control to schools about his former life in Germany. They recently honoured him (and my late grandparents who were murdered there)

The details are on the following page

**My father, Harry Kley (formerly Horst Klee)**, left Godesberg (near Bonn, in The Rhineland, Germany) also aged 17 to make his life here in the UK as well.

Harry Kley, Ralph Kley and Ilse Kley (many years ago!)

y met in London's cosmopolitan Swiss Cottage, married, and moved to Oxford ere I was born.

late father, **Harry Kley (Horst Klee),** after being in the UK army as a private, subuently as a dispatch rider in Europe working for UK intelligence, came back to the making a career in food and becoming a director of a specialised food retail comy

He opened a London City restaurant: 'Deli-Citi' followed by a period as systems organiser for Coca Cola after retiring.

***Translation of the Memorial Text on the Stolpersteine in Germany***

**Bonner Straße 74 Horst Klee, "Harry Kley"** (22 May 1922 – 18 July 2000)

Horst Klee was born in 1922 in Bad Godesberg as the son of Maximilian Klee (1899–1944) and Johanna Klee, née Kaufmann (1894–1945). Both of his parents came from long-established Bad Godesberg families. Together with his brother-in-law, Maximilian Klee ran the laundry shop "Kaufmann". The family first lived at Burgstraße 5a in Bad Godesberg, then moved in 1930 to Bonner Straße 74.

Horst Klee attended the Godesberg primary school from 1928 and then transferred in 1932 to the Bonn Realgymnasium, but later, due to anti-Jewish regulations, he had to complete his final school years at the private Jewish primary school. Afterwards he trained as a cook at the Hotel Continental in Koblenz, which was run by a cousin of his mother. He later moved to a hotel in Aachen and then to a café in Cologne, which was destroyed during the November Pogrom of 1938. In his free time, Horst Klee was an enthusiastic athlete and active in the sports division "Schild" of the Reich Federation of Jewish Front-Line Soldiers.

At the end of March 1939, Horst emigrated to England and from then on called himself “Harry Kley”. He joined the British Army, where he served for six years. He first worked as a cook, then transferred to an intelligence unit and took part in interrogations of German prisoners.

At the end of the war, Harry Kley returned to Bonn and Bad Godesberg as a British soldier and was involved in investigations and denazification processes. After some time, he returned to England. During the war he had already met Ilse Bruckstein (1920–2015), originally from Danzig; they married and in January 1944 had their son, Ralph Michael. The couple remained in England. Harry Kley died there in 2000 and was buried in Essex.

The Stolpersteine for Maximilian and Johanna Klee *(the grandparents I never had the pleasure of knowing)* were laid in 2003.

**Jocelyn Tania Rose** (**aka Lynn Kley**)

is my wife and soulmate, married me in 1964 (yippee) only to find herself, almost immediately, steeped in catering, and supporting my long career in hospitality.

Lynn, my great wife and I are now enjoying retirement but are certainly never actually retiring.

Between tree-work volunteering (planting over 15,000 trees over 6-8 years) our weekly 5k Park Runs, my daily early morning swims while Lynn runs around the local park, we rarely have time to spare.

**Lynn Kley and Ralph Kley** enjoying a break from 'mulching' on The Enfield Chase in July 2026

**Lynn Kley and Ralph Kley**
(on left) after the Park Run
with friends June ‘26

**Darren-Paul (aka. D.P or Fluffy)** our son took to Circus life like a fish to water and went from Circus School to performing circus acts in many locations, followed by sailing in traditional sailing boats bringing back rum, coffee and chocolate under sail. He produces shows and festivals up to the present time.. He has two great outward-going children: Beau-Phineas Kley and Esme-Peach Kley.

*From about my 12th till about my 17th year I struggled with a huge temper problem causing many problems with schools and my immediate family. At some point in my 17th year after expulsion from many schools and some very destructive reasoning which caused me to want to sever and destroy all ties with my family, I remember clearly my lovely papa ( Horsti ) saying in his firm and wise voice that nothing is more important than family .. How right he was . I found an inner wisdom to change my ways and since then through a life of unconventional, but very wholesome and selfless projects and jobs, I stand with my own family of 2 young adult children Beau-Phineas 22 and Esme Peach 20, their wonderful mother, Angela, and our delightful grand-daughter Otterlie 3.5. Together, the love , respect and friendship I have with my parents now we all share the beautiful testament to the importance of family .*

**DP with Lynn (mum) and Ralph (dad)**

Darren-Paul Kley

with Lynn Kley

July '26

**Beau-Phineas Kley**, our grandson, also follows the festival life building his own unique major sound systems and his daughter, **Ottie** (our great -granddaughter (is now 3 years old).

This is his brief story…

I'm Beau-Phineas Merry Kley. I was born in Somerset then travelled between Spain and France until I was 5 then moved to Suffolk and then back to Somerset and then to Bristol. This movement has made me appreciate diverse living massively and this outlook has really helped me value living the life I have. I'm grateful for this, as it's allowed me to offer an interesting and exciting life for my daughter, Ottilie who's now 3.

I feel like being in such a blessed position means I should use it to help those who aren't in such a fortunate position. For the last few years has manifested as putting on raves, free parties and free festivals in the UK and Spain, aiming to encourage, community, political awareness and dance and freedom of expression. Also in the last 3 years I did a degree in politics and international relations. Which I really enjoyed and really inspired me. I'm starting a masters in Human Rights law in September.

I hope to investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity in the future if that's the right path for me!

**Tamara Giselle Hur** is our daughter who was born at the miniscule weight of less than 1 kilo and went on to be a fantastic mother to Larnie with the help of our late wonderful Ben

Please could you included these too .. my proud mum moments of her triumph and achievement while still being my little girl fast asleep on Christmas morn .. & a fun happy

*These are Ben's boys .*

*John Hur .. with Lauren and my fab granddaughter Sophia .*

*I went to stay with them in Gloucestershire as a first time proud grandma*

*The other people in the pic are Jack Hur and my daughter in law Chloe .. she comes from a very very religious large family and was told she couldn't have kids ..*

*She found out she was pregnant after visiting the Great Wall of China in honour of my gorgeous Ben .. their dad . Which is a wonderful miracle ….They are due in Nov 🙏🏻 ▨…and I will be a grandma again.*

*We have been through a lot and are a very close family and I love them so much and am very happy and proud to be included in this family unit and I know that my Ben is watching over and is happy and proud*

Xmas pic of my mum and dad 2025

I came to meet Larnie at her office after her first time going back into work after almost losing her to serious illness .. I saw a beautiful young woman coming down the stairs .. I realised it was my daughter. And moving into her flat huge many mile-stones .. as a brilliant person who is my favourite person to enjoy life's adventures with …not just my daughter

Larnie back at work

**Ben Hur** was her late husband and was unique....he was both a fantastic husband and dad and he is so sadly missed by us all

**Ilana-Rose Hur (Larnie - 'The Larn' or 'Larnie)**, our granddaughter, after braving some major health issues is holding down a demanding editorial city-based position and still finds time to continue singing and enjoying her gym routine. She currently moved to a fantastically- situated flat in West Hampstead and works both office-based and from home.

**(Ilana-Rose Hur aka. 'Larnie')** The week I moved into my new flat in June 2026

**ANGELA HILL** **….**Angela, our special daughter-in-law, despite not being a 'couple' with our son remains a most loved, loving and lovely member of our family and as I said 'very special' Our son and Angela still have a most wonderful understanding relationship and are great parents.

This is Angela with Beau and Peachy

**Beau-Phineas Kley and Angela Hill (mum)** in Pembrokeshire in July 2026

I have had two main threads in my life. Theatre and education, ah yes and travel. After my degree in Philosophy and English, I travelled in Spain and learned Spanish then braced myself for teacher training. It was pretty intense. I had to party quite hard to balance things!

Then I travelled again for about 15 years setting up little schools and making art as I went.

I was performing as I travelled over these years. First solo, then as a trapeze artist and divising shows with Shelanagig and Cabaret at the End of the World.

I met Fluffee, we had Beau and Peachy!

I returned to teaching to support them growing up. I made a touring show Monster Magic for kids and we all toured a couple of Summers with that show.

I did my Masters over a few years and graduated in 2016. Feeling very clever forever now!

We moved to Bristol for 3 years, then back to Radford Mill Farm where the kids had been born 8 years previously. I became a Forest School teacher as well as mainstream. Gradually left the classroom over a few years until today I run my own school on my land near Midsomer Norton. I also bought a house there when the kids were getting to school exam time and needed more stability.

So now 2026, the School of Curiosity is flourishing and I am planning to write about what we are doing here working with children who are struggling to learn due to a multitude of difficulties. Patience and nature are helping them find their confidence and curiosity again.

Beau has a lovely daughter called Ottie who we all love so much. He has his degree in Politics and Internationsl relations and now starting MA in Human Rights Law. Well done him! Honestly so proud of his efforts and commitment to 'change the world!'

Peachy is 20 and full power! She got a distinction for her Diploma in Performance and Production. She starting her Acting Foundation degree now and loves travelling and psychoanalysing everyone! She is going out into the world with a strong spirit, who knows what she'll get up to!

So we are incredibly fortunate and thankful. I look around the world and see what we all see and my heart breaks. But we must go forward doing the best we can to bring light and be brave.

*Left to right.* **Oli** (Bruce's 2nd), **Beau** (Fluffy's 1st)**Sam** (Belinda's 3rd),**Robert** (Bruce's 1st),**Josh** (Bruce's 3rd), **Bruce** (brother),**Tash** (his wife), **Peachy** (Fluffys 2nd), **Dad** - David Hill, **Mum** - Mary Hill, **Louis** (Belinda's 1st), **Belinda** (sister), **Ben** (Belinda's husband),**Angela** (Beau and Peachy's mum), **Molly** ( Belinda's 2nd)

We (Ralph & Lynn) were very close to David (Angela's) late father and still are very close to Mary her lovely mother. The above photo is of Angela's great family - At Christmas 2018, before David (Angela's Dad) died in the following Spring.

(*To avoid confusion: the names are provided by Angela and 'Fluffy' is aka. known as Darren-Paul Kley')*

**Esme -Peach Kley (Peachy),** our granddaughter, has followed the tradition of showmanship and drama and is currently living on our son (Darren-Paul's) boat, moored in Bristol Harbour.

**'Peachy'-** in April 2026

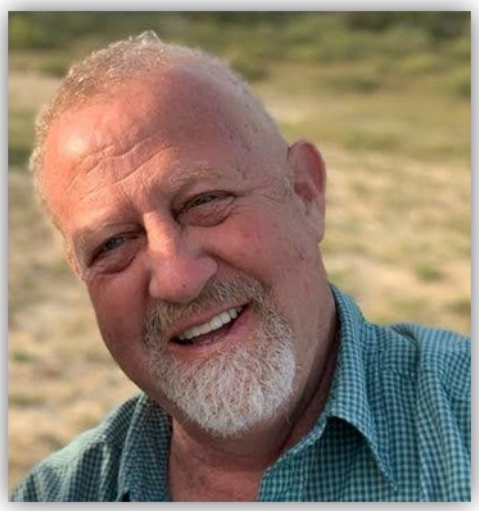
Heyyy!!!! I've been volunteering for the last two weeks in a hostel in Antigua which is a small city in the mountains in Guatemala- it's surrounded by volcanoes- one of which is we hiked! it's was incredible, it was a two day hike and when we got to the top we got to see it erupt, which it does every 5 minutes. It was seriously amazing!!

*Peachy, this is your own space for a little about you both and maybe a more recent photo please*

**Arnon Bruckstein**, my late cousin, and I had such a special fun and close relationship. We walked and cycled in Arran together and despite the distance we lived apart, maintained a long and loving fun relationship.

**Arnon** in Tel Aviv showing us some original photos

That happy smile



**Almut & Ali**… the lovely Almut, his ex wife, and her wonderful husband Ali continues our special relationship and with all their children and grandchildren.

Almut and Ali

*Almut Shulamit and Ali, this is your own space for a little about you and maybe more recent photo/s please*

**Mallory Serebrin** is also a valued member of this family group and is a frequent contributor to our family group app so everyone keeps in touch.

*Hey Ralph, thanks for your wonderful initiatives*

*I met Arnon in 2015 and we were together for a total of nine years until he sadly passed away from a brain tumour. Our time together was full of laughter and love. Our search for beauty was mutual and never-ending. We travelled together and rode bicycles and were mutually awed by landscapes of snow of autumn leaves and the beauty of nature. I love his family as much as I loved him - what amazing kids he and Almut (and Ali) raised. I am honoured to be part of this wonderful family.*

Mallory with Arnon

Young Eitan with us in the early years before the grey hair

Jerusalem 2017? Left to right. Mallory, Adam, Noga, Cinay, Reni.

Bottom row left: Ditza (Arnon's mother) Arnon, Manu.

**NOGA, ADAM & ARTUR**

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Adam
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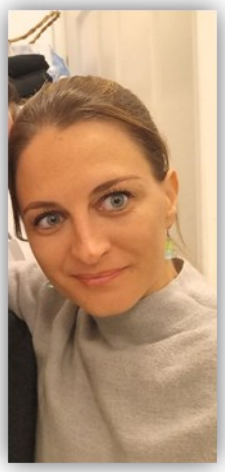

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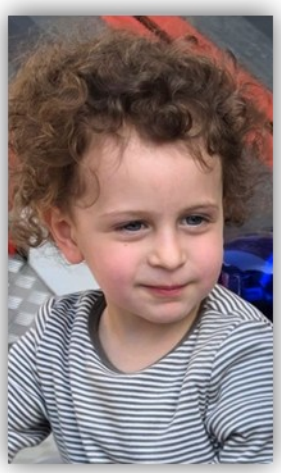
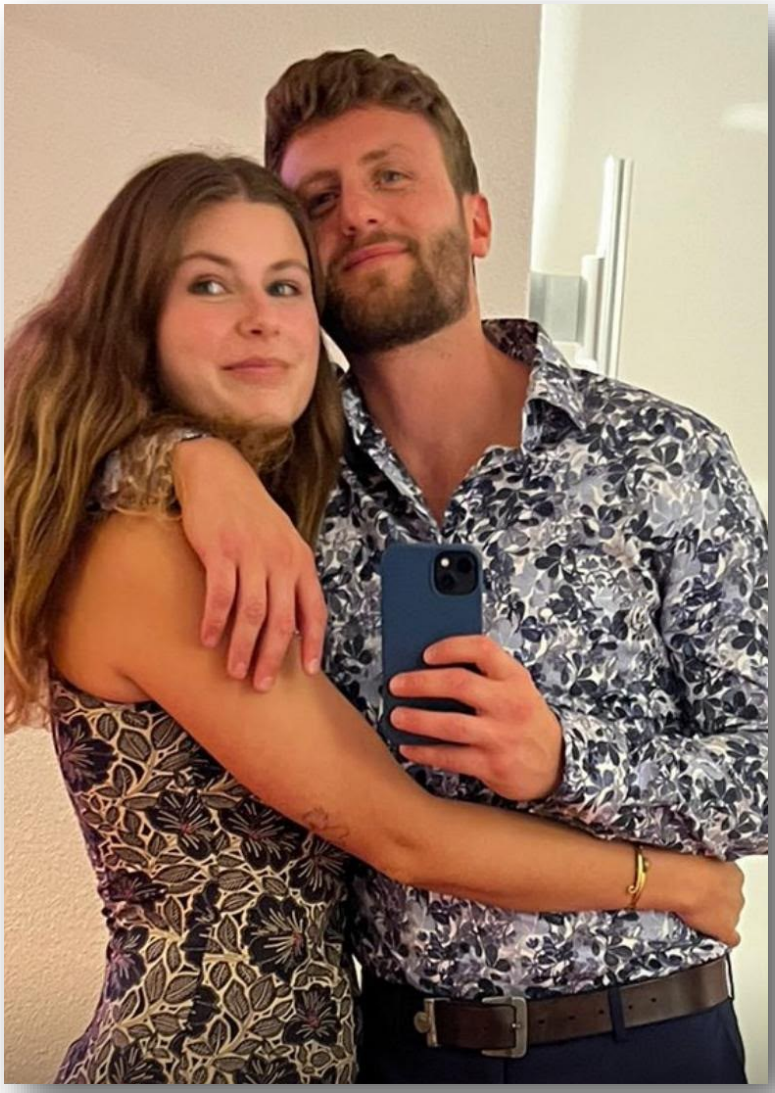


**SINAI & ZIVI**

*Sinai and Zivi, living and working in the desert of Israel :)….Hey Ralph :) that's us :)*

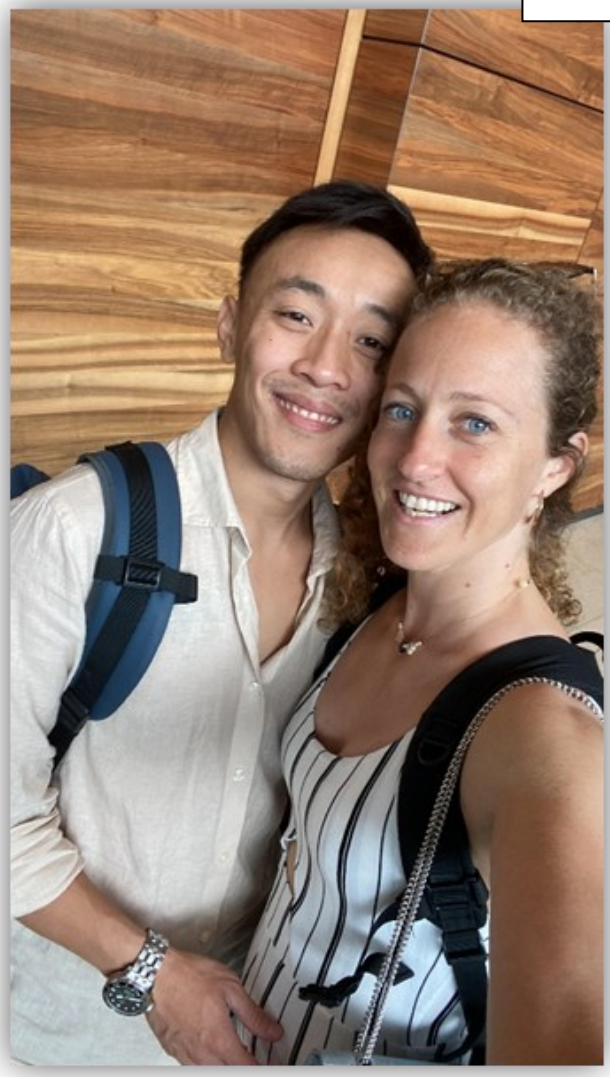
## MICHELLE & ADAM

"Love is everywhere but nowhere at the same time. The thing is to find it in between. And if you have the luck to find it with someone hold it tight and gently."



**RENANA BRUCKSTEIN & ANH LUONG**

That's I think a pretty nice one of Anh and me.



Renana Bruckstein and Anh Luong. A long friendship that turned into more 💖 we both love martial arts (where everything began) and enjoy traveling together, and we share our passion for space exploration - Renana on the space medicine and human performance aspects and Anh as a space engineer.

Where you will find us in the future is still not known.. Europe.. Israel.. Vietnam or anything in between or beyond ✨ We still see our many friends, both old and new constantly and have completed much of our travel 'bucket list'

**MANU & CARO & LEO ALIJAH**

*Manu & Caro & Leo Elijah*

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard 🌻❤️🌞

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The purpose of this jumbled 'Family text' is possibly my way, in my 82nd year, of producing a family tree.

We are all very different from the usual families..

We are a family where love binds us together…..not lines on the family tree.

Yes, I am sure I have left out important folk, got details wrong, unintentionally upset some people reading this so before I put it all together, I will post it on our WhatsApp group and ask you all to add, adjust, delete etc so the final copy is more accurate.

Can you also send pictures of yourselves, children etc so I can add them.(Remember to  clearly add all names etc)

Sorry this is so long.

PLEASE REPLY..don't leave it for later!!...love you all!!

Big love

Ralph and Lynn

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